

Computational Semantics

Assignment 4: Compositional Semantics

1. Spatial relations

See images directory in .zip file.

2. Exercise 2.3.1

Vincent: $\lambda u.(u@VINCENT)$

Mia: $\lambda y.(y@MIA)$

Loves: $\lambda w.\lambda z.(w@ \lambda x.LOVE(z,x))$

—> Functional application LOVES, MIA

$\lambda w.\lambda z.(w@ \lambda x.LOVE(z,x))@ \lambda y.(y@MIA)$

—> β -conversion λw

$\lambda z.(\lambda y.(y@MIA)@ \lambda x.LOVE(z,x))$

—> β -conversion λy

$\lambda z.(\lambda x.LOVE(z,x)@MIA)$

—> β -conversion λx

$\lambda z.(LOVE(z,MIA))$

—> Function application LOVES MIA, VINCENT

$\lambda u.(u@VINCENT))@ \lambda z.LOVE(z,MIA)$

—> β -conversion λu

$\lambda z.(LOVE(z,MIA)@VINCENT)$

—> β -conversion λz

$LOVE(VINCENT,MIA)$

3. Compositional semantics DCG grammar

$n([tree:n(owl),sem:\lambda m(X,n_owl_1(X))]) \rightarrow [owl].$

$n([tree:n(eye),sem:\lambda m(X,n_eye_1(X))]) \rightarrow [eye].$

$n([tree:n(desert),sem:\lambda m(X,n_desert_1(X))]) \rightarrow [desert].$

$tv([tree:tv(standing),sem:\lambda m(P,\lambda m(X,app(P,\lambda m(Y,s_supports(Y,X)))))] \rightarrow [standing,in].$

$iv([tree:iv(looking),sem:\lambda m(X,some(Y,and(n_eye_1(Y),and(s_part_of(Y,X),a_open_1(Y)))))] \rightarrow [looking].$

$mod([tree:mod(in),sem:\lambda m(X,some(Y,and(n_owl_1(Y),and(s_supports(Y,X)))))] \rightarrow [in].$

$mod([tree:mod(at),sem:\lambda m(X,some(Y,and(n_eye_1(Y),and(s_part_of(Y,X),a_open_1(Y),a_looking_1(Y)))))] \rightarrow [at].$